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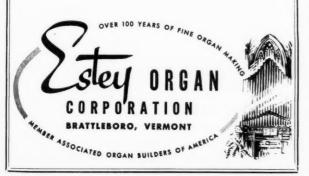
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General Service Music FOR NOVEMBER SERVICES

*AT—Elvey-ar.Zerr—"Thankful People Raise Your Song," G, 5p, e, Presser 20c, the old hymn "Come ye thankful people" treated to a variety of simple variations and then sung as it should have been from the beginning by the whole congregation. Church music should grow up

*AT—Dr. Healey Willan—"Sing to the Lord of harvest," Bf, 5p, e, Concordia 20c, a business-like bit of music with chief interest in the manner of handling unaccompanied and accompanied sections. But both Dr. Willan and Concordia are too good to be wasting their time on things like this when the former could write so much better music of his

own and Concordia should politely tell him so.
AT—David H. Williams—"We Thank Thee O Father," G, 6p. e, Gray 18c, and here is the real D.H.W. for you, writing because he has something musical to say, not because he thinks he ought to do a cantata or something. Suppose we pick on him for some obvious flaws that have outgrown their usefulness, and hope other composers will take the hint When the piano introduction has set the mood, don't let the music die for a measure but bring the voices in four beats earlier. The long unaccompanied section is grand. But when the accompaniment does come back, give it something entirely independent to say; don't let it slavishly duplicate the voices, which is too cheap for any worthy composer. Top of page 3 is fine, but again do something decent with the accompaniment or cut it out entirely; if nothing better can be thought of, just give jubilant chords on the first & third beats of most of the measures, silence between. On page 4. 8th measure, don't tolerate a dead-end street but bring the accompaniment back a measure earlier, changing the accompaniment as necessary. Bottom of p.4 and top of 5 is magnificent, and maybe the entire p.5; possibly 6 also. But when America does find a composer with the spontaneity and genuineness shown by this man, it's time we hammer him unmercifully every time he gets lazy or stumbles into the rut made by other composers, and be ready to turn thumbs down hard on him at the first sign of his going teenagemodern on us by writing charlatan stuff merely because all the highbrows do. We hope he never mixes with any organists, stays away from all conventions and all organ recitals, and just enjoys life, never giving a thought to music till some worthy theme gets into his head and compels him to set it down and play it, pretty much as he has done in this grandly honest anthem. As it is, about 25% of his anthems are fine. about 10% superb; it's a great achievement.

Music for Christmas Season

These reviews are business, not charity; they are a service to the readers and the advertisers who pay all the bills of this magazine. Publishing this music is also a business—to make money to pay the bills of the publishing industry, else no composer would ever have a chance and no performer have anything to perform. Our duty here is done when we catalogue and describe the music for our readers. When a particular reviewer likes something, he says so: otherwise, since tastes differ, there is no need to do more than catalogue and define

*A8C-Bohemian-ar.Liemohn-"Be ye joyful earth and sky," G, 3p, pu, me, Presser 15c, ancient text, sprightly music to open, an element of contrast between women's voices and men's; then the middle section tries to be complicated instead of beautiful, with the shock treatment as the finale.

*AW3C—Christiansen-ar.Christiansen—"The

Symbol," D, 3p, md, Augsburg 15c. *AW2C—Christiansen-ar.Christiansen—"Lullaby on Christmas Eve," F, 3p, e, Augsburg 15c, O.R.Overby text.

AC—Paul Christiansen—"Mary's Response," 3p, me, Augsburg, 15c, text from Luke—"My soul doth magnify the Lord." A8C—John Duddy—"Lay down your staves," C, 6p, pu,

me, Presser 22c, an anthem in 6-8 rhythm.

AC-Garth Edmundson-"Nativity Carol," Df, 4p, pu, me, Gray 16c, an anthem with much movement of parts. the men often repeating the phrases of the women.

AC—Edwin Fissinger—"Long Long Ago," Dm, 7p, md.

Canyon 22c, contemporary writing with the aim at structure rather than beauty, for those that want that approach; it is good for its purpose—and for congregations who feel the same

way about their Christmas music,

*AW3C—Flemish-ar.Christiansen—"A Flemish Carol," G, 3p, pu, e, Augsburg 15c, a bit of true musical beauty with great possibilities for echo effects between chancel and gallery choirs. Actually no modern composer or arranger we know about can write in 3-part, but this attempt doesn't lose out with too many drops into 2-part chords or unisons. You

NEW CHORAL PUBLICATIONS

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1109	Lift Up Your Heads (E)			
	Arr. C. Wesley Andersen	SATB	20c	
1110	Oh, Come Little Children (Eng. and Germa			
		SATBB	22c	
1118	Shepherds Heard Singing (M)			
	Leland B. Sateren	SATB	18c	
1121	The Sleep of the Child Jesus (E)	CATD	10	
	Gevaert-Christiansen	SATB	10c	
1122	The Solitary City (No. 1 of "Four Prophecies"		17	
1100	Paul Christiansen	SATB	16c	
1123	The Desert Shall Blossom (No. 2 of "Four Proceedes") (Some Divided Parts) (D)	opn-		
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1123	ecies") (MD). Paul Christiansen	SATE	15c	
1127	Sing Noel (E)	0, ., 0		
	Louis Bourbon-Frank Pooler	SATB	18c	
1128	O Christmas Babe (Traditional Dutch) (E)			
,	Arr. Leland B. Sateren	SATB	15c	
1129	Sing We Now (M)			
	G. Winston Cassler	TTB	18c	
1111	Psalm 117 (M)			
	Carl W. Landahl	TTBB	16c	
1126	I Am the Vine (M)			
	E. A. Hovdesven	SAB	18c	
1115	Lullaby on Christmas Eve (E)			
	F. M. Christiansen, arr. P. Christiansen	SA	15c	
1116	Christmas Symbol (M)			
	F. M. Christiansen, arr. P. Christiansen	SSA	15c	
	A Flemish Carol (M). Arr. Paul Christiansen		15c	
	Star of Bethlehem (E). L. Stanley Glarum	SSA	15c	
	Christmas Morn Is Dawning (När juldags-			
	morgon glimmar) (E). Arr. Morten Luvaas	SA	16c	
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1110	morgon glimmar) (E). Arr. Morten Luvaas	SSA	16c	
	Still With Thee (M). Marie Pooler	SATE	18c	
	All Hail the Power (E). Shrubsole-Cartford	SATE	15c	
	My Jesus (M). Bach-P. Christiansen	SATE	18c	
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*AJ2C—French-ar.Rawls—"Ding Dong or Christmas Bells," G, 2p, e, J. Fischer & Bro. 15c, for two children's choirs, one singing the continuous "ding dong" while the other has a pretty little melody and the text; it makes real music for its purpose.

A8C—Margrethe Hokanson—"The Christ Child Cries in His Sleep," E, 4p, pu, me, J. Fischer & Bro. 20c, S.J.Johnson text, an anthem setting an unusual text, using harmonies for some rich effects and enough movement of voices to add interest; one of the better anthems of the current season, for

better than average choirs.

AWC—Ruth Taylor Magney—"Christmas Eve," F, 3p, e, J. Fischer & Bro. 15c, in 5-8 rhythm, E.Tatum text and lovely music which many organists will choose to take in the more graceful 4-4 rhythm, with free-rhythm measures wherever they wish; after all, attempting to force a 5-4 rhythm has been successful in exceedingly rare instances and it would be much too bad to deprive your congregation of this merely because a composer let her brain get the better of her heart.

*AJ2C—Moravian-ar.Garden—"Lightly bells are pealing," G, 5p, o, e, Gray 18c, J.J.Moment text and music by a girl who's been at it a long time and still has kept her sense of beauty in music; she uses Chimes delightfully, gives a real organ accompaniment, and handles 2-part writing effectively. Any organists able to make their juniors sing without also making the congregation squirm?

A8C—Giuseppe Moschetti—"Unto us a Child is born," D, 7p, me, Ditson-Presser 20c, a hymn with variations, piano interludes between them, lively music; better look it over.

AC—Praetorius—"To shepherds as they watched by night," G, 2p, pu, e, Concordia 16c, a hymn in 6-4 rhythm for the more solemn Christmas celebrations.

ASC—Kathryn Hill Rawls—"In Excelsis Gloria," Ef, 7p, pu, me, J. Fischer & Bro. 20c, the old text "When Christ was born of Mary free," with imaginative music of high quality that should prove delightfully effective if done by an organist with imagination in his heart. You'd better have a good soprano soloist, or a doubly-good tenor; there's a passage in it to make your hair stand up if you do it right. The end: "In excelsis gloria" shouted at the top of your lungs, and then whispered from pp to a fade-out. Get this one if you have what it takes.

AW2C—Kathryn Hill Rawls—"Long Long Ago," E, 4p, e, Gray 16c, a lovely 2-part melody for voices against which the piano does some delightful ornamentation in the right-hand part while the left gives a gently-rocking rhythm. This girl has music in her heart and, glory be, knows exactly how to record it on paper so you know how to recreate it. By

all means get it.

AJ1C—Richard T. Rohlfing—"Echoes from Bethlehem," 14 hymns for children, e, 13p, Concordia 75c; one or two of them are good enough to use for unisons by your men, but most of them are written down for children, presumably for use in any service for children and by children.

AC—Leland B. Sateren—"The Shepherds Heard Singing," D. 6p. pu, e, Augsburg 18c, G.J.Jenson text, an anthem for the average choir, on an unusual but delightful text.

AC—Leopold Stokowski—"When Christ was born," Bf, 4p, me, Gray 18c, ancient text: composed by one of the world's greatest musicians. What he does with the accompaniment is its best feature.

*AW3C—Swiss-ar.Bampton—"Christmas Nightingale," A, 3p, ssa or sat, e, Presser 20c, really in 2-part with a descant, sprightly, rhythmic, opportunity for fine nuances; true Christ-

mas music.

AC—David H. William:—"Puer Natus," C, 28p, e, Gray 75c, "a Christmas pastoral in three scenes," giving each of the quartet a chance to sing a solo, and the organist a prelude or two here & there; it's an extended work somewhat like a cantata with most of the work for the solo voices, so it will be easy to prepare. Look it over for yourself.

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Earlier Christmas Music

Here are reminders of some of the best from former Christmas seasons, works of outstanding merit for one reason or another.

AC-Annabel M. Buchanan-"Mary through a thornwood," Fm, pu, me, J. Fischer & Bro. 16c, an unusual text alternating with or sung against the "Kyrie eleison" in a way to make a most unusual & effective anthem for competent choirs and educated congregations

AC-Dr. Clarence Dickinson-"Shepherds' Story," C. 8p, md, Gray 20c, one of the glorious Christmas inspirations; wherever competent choirs exist, this should be done every

A1C-Dr. Clarence Dickinson-"Song of Christmas," G, 3p, e, Gray 15c, published in 1924 but grander today than

ever; let all your men sing it softly in unison.

AC—Alan Floyd—"God rest ye," Ef, 7p, e, J.

& Bro. 15c, a jolly Christmas anthem everybody will like.

AC—Allan Floyd—"Lullaby to the little Child Jesus," F,
7p, s, s-a, e, J. Fischer & Bro. 15c, the Christmas story in one of its lovelier moods; real Christmas charm & delicacy

AC-Kathryn Hill Rawls-"O thou joyful day," Df, 5p, e, J. Fischer & Bro. 20c, the one new Christmas anthem last year that stood out above all others, chiefly because of the neatness and grace of its accompanying motif in contrast with the melody

A5(J)C-David H. Williams-'Christ Came to Bethlehem," Af, 6p, e, Gray 18c, real music for adults and juniors,

nothing pretentious or bluffing, just good music. A5C—David H. Williams—"Lute-Book Lullaby," E, 4p, me, Birchard 15c, real loveliness in telling the Christ Child story; melody, rhythm, harmony, text, all of superb quality. For every choir.

AC-Pietro A. Yon-"Gesu Bambino," E, 5p, e, J. Fischer & Bro. If you're as tired of music as most musicians are,

forget all about this number; forget all about your church and Christmas too. But if your conscience compels you to do it again this year, rush it through as fast as all the organists do. Ruin the music. Ruin your honesty. But by all means hold on to your pride. Even Mr. Yon himself got so tired of it he had to rush through it like a madman. But through all the years of its abuse by speed, it none the less remains one of the greatest messages of Christmas charm, one of the greatest ever put into notes.

Organ Music Reviews

By WILLIAM A. GOLDSWORTHY

Who picks & chooses from materials sent him for review

John F. Carre-Nocturnals for Organ, 8p, e, J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.00, two short pieces, Elegy of the Bells, and Swans at Eventide, that have what it takes to become popular preludes, especially for evening services. Melodic, with original chord structures that weave delightfully. The first has a brief prelude followed by a melody for Chimes which works out attractively to ppp ending. The Chimes we were accustomed to playing went up only to E; if yours are similar, you will have to transpose the F and F-sharp. The second is a charming lyric with soft modern harmonies that merge well into the melody. An altogether unusual set for any service, especially one where quietude is desired.

Dr. Joseph W. Clokey—Meditations on Hymntunes, Ten, 30p, m, J. Fischer & Bro. \$2.00. Dr. Clokey is a composer who always gives us strength in his music, and these numbers are no exception. All ten tunes are well known. What he does with them proves his keen mind, sure hand, and a slight impatience with too much romanticism. are to be done "with no suggestion of sentimentality or exhibitionism," he says. (I am a little dubious as to his enjoyment of my playing of them.) But what he wants is

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and inspiring church music, rewarding to the performer.
William A. Goldsworthy—Desert Impressions, 24p, J. Fischer & Bro. \$1.50, a suite a little out of the ordinary, based on my impressions felt while living in the desert. There is a need for good music written so the average organist can play it with a fair amount of practice. This is neither for highbrows (although it is hoped they will play it) nor for lowbrows, but for 80% of performers. First is Tabernacle Butte, and those who know this monument of nature will recall it, standing in solitary grandeur, an impressive sight for miles. Second is a description of Tumbleweed gyrating in the wind, or nestling quietly in the lulls, against wire fences. Ghost Town follows, based on the twelve-tone row; it expresses the eerie feeling one has going through the relics of the past. Final number describes one's sensations when driving into the late afternoon sunset, with its blazing glory shading into the lovely afterglow. How well I have succeeded will be for the organist to determine, each for himself; but the suite is at least different, not cacophonous, nor too difficult. Publisher designed an attractive cover and added triggersettings for the Hammond electrotone; registrations for organ are different from the usual and are very explicit.

COLLECTIONS

Graveyard Gems—Saint Mary's Press, 9 pieces, 19p, \$2.50, a collection of ancient music made available to modern organists because Messrs. Linzel & White liked these pieces and thought you'd like them too. Their theft of my title for such music both amused and flattered me, I must confess. Which may be because of my intimate knowledge of what these two men really can do in music, and my admiration for both that and them; actually I'm opposed to graveyard music chiefly because the wrong people play entirely too much of it. Here is the complete content:

T.Adams, Adeste Fideles, as graceful a piece of music as anyone could want.

J.H.Fioco, Adagio, another lovely bit.

T.Arne, Flute Solo, everybody knows this one.

G.Martini, Aria con Varazione, simple and appealing. A.Armstorff, Allein Gott, and the selection of this piece shows why there's a White Empire; who else could see what's in these notes?

J.Kirnberger, Herzlich Thut, and this almost makes me wish I'd never called anything graveyard. You still like music? and get a message when there's one in it?

T.Roseingrave, Allegro Pomposo, another good one but somewhat involved, yet not unpleasantly so.

G.Bassani, Larghetto, but please sneak in the Tremulant when Mr. White isn't looking, just for a few phrases here and there; what's wrong with the Tremulant is chiefly that once it gets on it stays there even after its welcome is worn thin.

F.W.Marpurg, Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott, which shows why the metronome wasn't needed until modern times when organists forgot all about that beautiful thing called rhythm.

I've no notion why Mr. White did this collection but I have a sneaking suspicion he wanted, among other things, to teach me a lesson. Thanks; he's done it. Some graveyard stuff is the real thing. But I still rebel against some of the suggested registration; to me these things are beautiful only when their tones are richly colorful and on the quiet side.—

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"-Arrangement
A-Anthem (for church).
AH-Anthem (for church).
C-Chorus (secular).
O-Oratorio-cantata-opera form.
M-Men's voices.
W-Women's voices.
J-Junior choir.
3-Three-part, etc.
4-Partly 4-part plus, etc.
Mixed voices and straight 4-part if not otherwise indicated.
Additional Cap-letters, next after Additional Cap-letters, next after above, refer to:
A—Ascension.
C—Christmas.
E—Easter.
G—Good Friday.
L—Lent.
I—Thanksgiving.

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After Tille:
c.q.cq.qc,cc.—Chorus, quartet, chorus
{preferred} or quartet, quartet
{preferred} or chorus.
s.a.t.b.l.m.—Soprano, alto, tenor,
bass, high-voice, low-voice, mediumvoice solos {or duets etc. if hyphenaled.

ou.—Organ accompaniment, or un-accompanied.

bu—Partly or perhaps unaccompanied.

c.d.m.v.—Easy, difficult, moderately,

very.
3p.—3 pages, etc.
3-p.—3-part writing, etc.
Af.Bm.Cs—A-flat, B minor, C-sharp.

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m-Mechanism, pipework, or detail photo, p—Photo of case or auditorium. s—Stoplist.

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m—Men's voices.
off—Offertoire.
o—Organ.
u—Unaccompanied.
v—Violin.
w—Women's
voices.
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p—Piano. 3-p—3-part, etc.
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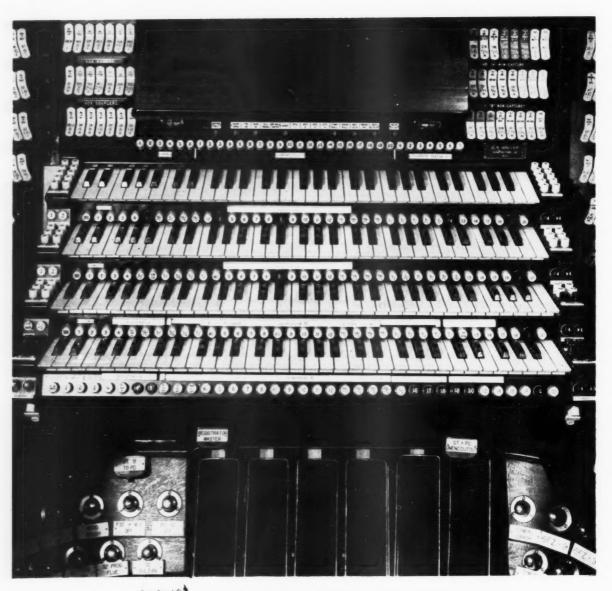
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an organ is built and a console designed for organ music of infinite variety and unlimited
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the aid of console gadgets Mr. Mayer specified, this organ can come closer to the richness and
freedom of orchestral work than any other. Pipes are useless unless you can use them when
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THE AMERICAN ORGANIST, September 1954

West Point Cadet Chapel Organ, No.3

By CHARLES E. BILLINGS, M.D.

Whose diagrams and text are worth hours of study

AKING the content of Cadet Chapel organ clear to the reader has been accomplished easily enough by presenting the stoplist in the July issue beginning on p.212, but describing the console and its many unusual features is difficult, even with the aid of matching photographs and diagrams. Having the stoplist in July and the console photograph in August should make cross-references easier, and they'll be necessary if the reader proposes to possess anything like a professional organist's knowledge of this instrument.

The left screen shown on July p.197 was designed by E. Donald Robb, carved by the Irving-Casson Co., and dedicated in 1931. The chamber houses part of the Great, the Viol and Reed Organs (in the Great chamber), the Solo, Orchestral, and Pedal Organs. The console shown in this picture was the second, replaced by the present one in 1950. Chamber is 34' 6" high. All pipes in the cases are dummies. Note the bronze plates on choir bookracks facing chancel aisle; they commemorate memorial additions to the organ.

The right screen, July p.210, was installed with the original organ in 1911. It was designed by Bertram G. Goodhue, architect of the Chapel, and cost \$1,500. All pipes are or were speaking; included are the basses of the 16' Dulciana and 8' Diapasons Stentor and Minor. This right chamber now houses the Swell, Choir, part of the Great; the Vox and Harmonic Organs; and the 32' Ophicleide, 16' Violone, and other Pedal voices.

A correction: July p.212, column 1, paragraph 3, said Mr. Harvey wrote his thesis in April 1942; it was April 1952.

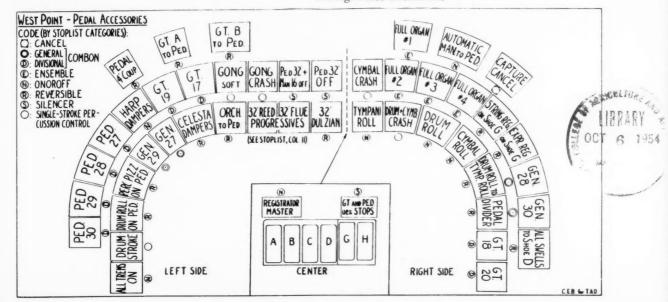
It took some forty years of patient development to enable that great artist Frederick C. Mayer to give the nation an organ masterpiece matching the great beauty of Cadet Chapel, and it was done at no added cost to the hard-pressed tax-payers.

The organ has a very complete set of divisional couplers—135 of them. Certain ones deserve special mention. P-L is present to enable multiple part-work to be played more easily, so that "a pianist of modest ability could simulate a true organ effect, . . . , without using the pedals" (Mr. Harvey) if such became necessary. This sentence is my only serious objection to Mr. Harvey's thesis; I should expect any pianist confronted with this console to go into a state of shock immediately.

GB-P 16' is introduced to "reenforce the weak tenor-octave of the Pedal" said Mr. Harvey. In a Pedal Organ of 144 stops I can see little need for reenforcement of any octave. The limited 32' couplers on the Choir are useful for Celeste

PEDAL ACCESSORIES

This diagramatic map merely indicates pedal devices and their stoplist categories; it does not show the form of the control-device used. The code is defined in the upper left corner of the diagram. Most silencers and oneroffs have indicator-lights (above the Solo manual). "Gt. and Ped. uex Stops" is a silencer, as the drawing indicates. "Registrator Master" is the control which brings into operation the registrator mechanism.





West Point Cadet Chapel Left Jamb

The many special couplers are in most cases obvious; most are pf. A pilot model of the Melody Coupler is working; as now planned (April 10, 1953, when this report was closed against further changes) the device will simply couple the Solo manual to the upper or lower note being played on any other manual.

All shutters may be coupled to any shoe, slide, or combination of these. If a set of shades is coupled to two shoes, the one most nearly closed takes precedence. This is of use especially when using Harmonic and Great Organs together; both may be closed simultaneously, then opened separately. The slides under Swell and Choir manuals move from left to right, opening any shades coupled to them.

Combon-couplers and coupler-couplers both serve similar functions; they avoid tying up a full-organ combon when a relatively limited change in floating and fixed divisions is desired. This is especially necessary, since the float-couplers are not located with the fixed couplers except in the Pedal. This seems to me a grave deficiency; in practice one must look in as many as seven places to determine just what is playing on any manual. Much time and many mistakes could be saved if in one look one could tell just what is coupled to a keyboard. Pedal is thus arranged, and is much easier to control as a result.

As was mentioned earlier, the combon action has not yet been installed. The first price quoted was in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Later a smaller builder was given the contract at much lower figure, but defaulted. It is at present hoped that a relatively economical design submitted by Chester A. Raymond may be the answer; a pilot model is serving successfully, and larger sections of the action are under construction. With the exception of this and another small model designed by Mr. Deveau and built by the E. M. Skinner Co., no combons or ensembles are available. This places any organist at a tremendous disadvantage for the In

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All divisional combons are to be double-touch, the secondcontact bringing on any appropriate Pedal combon; a switchboard in the cellar will permit any of the 15 or 20 Pedal Organ combons to be plugged into these second-

Reversibles, by T.A.O. definition, move the console devices they control. Some of the percussions work through reversibles and stoptablets, others through onoroffs with indicator-lights.

Ensembles are of various types; divisional ensembles operate from stopkeys. They were planned as blind pre-sets affecting only NC sections, to allow greater control of these sections. They may or may not be used. Four fullorgan toe-studs are available. The other four ensembles

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THE LEFT JAMB

In this description and all similar ones it will probably be necessary to compare the photographic reproductions with the drawings and notes, in order to gain all that is here presented. There are ten rows of tablets here, No.1 at the top, No.10 bottom. The Crescendo-Couplers in Row 1 include Expressive Register on Shoe-G, String Register on Shoe-G, All Shutters on Shoe-D, and one blank spare tablet.

Floating Couplers: These couple their divisions to the manuals. Float-Couplers to Pedal are with main Pedal couplers on Row 7.

Master Stoptablets (MST, Rows 5 & 8): These act as master controls for non-capture sections; unless these are on, no stops in their NC sections will sound.

Pedal—Flue Mixtures (Row 7) and Reed Mixtures (Row 8): These include a certain number of p.f. ensembles which may be used as combons for NC sections (see text elsewhere).

Pedal Accessories (Row 8): One is the Pedal-Divider, explained in the text; the other is Manual Percussion to Pedal Pizzicato and allows the tuned percussions to sound on any manual only when a pedal key is depressed.

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REG (Row 9): This is the tablet which acts as a Registrator-Card reverser, explained in the text: Couplers Off (Rows 9 & 10): These take main-division couplers off all combons on Great, Swell, Choir, or Solo.

SET (Row 10): This is a three-position tablet controlling the Registrator and the combon capture-mechanism.

(under Great pistons in the keycheeks) will provide certain combinations frequently used in service-playing.

Battle Thunder is a fixed ensemble operating about 20 louder Pedal stops on c1-b1 of the Great manual. The stops affected are at these pitches: 64, 42½, 32, 21½, 16, and 10½. When several adjacent notes of this octave are depressed together, the effect is quite indescribable.

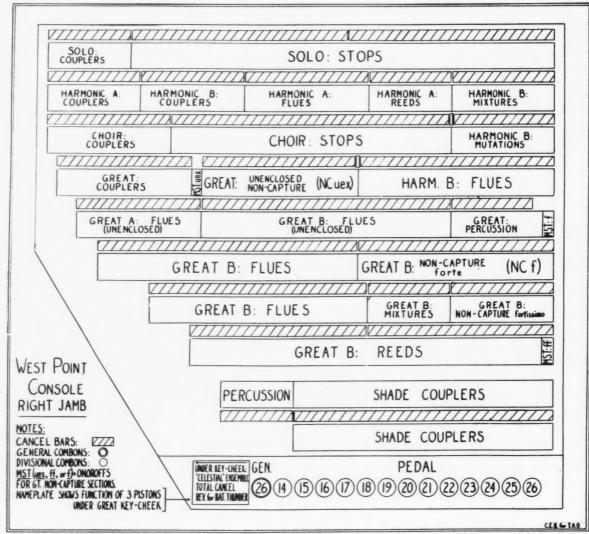
The register-crescendos (only Great & Pedal, on shoe-H, is now operating) are of interest. Large switchboards, located in the crypt, provide for selective setting of the 300-odd stages on each. One will affect the entire organ, a second just the strings, a third all orchestral stops; each of these will operate selectively from shoe-G.

of these will operate selectively from shoe-G.

Divisional onoroffs are stoptablets which silence the NC sections they control; they thus allow a combination to be set up and held in reserve until wanted. They are labeled "NC Masters" on the console; I have abbreviated this to MST on the stopjamb diagrams. Percussion onoroffs are standard.

Sostenuto, a device used in a few theater organs here and most thoroughly exploited by Marcel Dupre, will operate on any of the four manuals. The device will hold any note or chord until another note is depressed on that manual. The West Point installation will be unique, I believe, in that the note or chord will actually remain depressed on the keyboard (through a simple and clever gadget invented by Mr. Deveau).

The Pedal-Divider, while not unique, is not often seen here; it splits the Pedal clavier at c2, allowing only the



Pedal stops to sound below that note, and only the manual couplers to Pedal to operate above it.

The two All Tremulants devices are self-explanatory; in the unlikely event that both are on simultaneously, All Tremulants On takes precedence.

Automatic Manual to Pedal is a device which can be designed to work in several ways. In its simplest form it merely couples the manual being played on to the Pedal as soon as any chord is depressed on the keyboard. Another much more complicated form automatically selects a Pedal combination appropriate to the manual stops drawn. The former arrangement will be used here; when a key on any manual is touched, that manual and any floats coupled to it will automatically be visibly coupled to Pedal. This is an exceedingly rare device; the only example I have seen was in the 4m Casavant in Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

The Registrator device seen in the console diagrams and stoplist is, like the Sostenuto, almost unique—almost, because both are to be found in the organ in the home of Marcel Dupre, Meudon, France. Mr. Dupre's Registrator utilizes film strips on which are punched tiny holes corresponding to combinations he wishes. The device in Cadet Chapel will use I.B.M. punched cards and an I.B.M. sequential card-reading machine. Coded cards will be stacked in order in the machine and will be brought into action sequentially by touching any of the Registrator Bars beneath the manuals. The entire device will be put on or off by

THE RIGHT JAMB

Harmonic-B Mixtures, at the right end of Row 2, include four ensemble tablets for the NC sections; all are p.f.

MST, Rows 4, 5, 8, are master keys for the NC sections of the Great.

means of the large toe-stud above the shoes. The cards may be brought into play in either forward or backward order by using the Registrator Card Reverser on the left jamb. The number of the card presently in effect will be indicated by an automatic counter on the console.

Ideally, this device should act like a combon, moving all stops affected by it. It is hoped this can be done; installation of the device is far enough in the future to make detailed planning impossible.

The "other devices" are those which fit into none of the defined categories in T.A.O.'s stoplist standard. The capture combon-setter is standard; when the tablet (left jamb) is on, a light above the Solo manual acts as a warning. This device should be under a Yale lock—the time required to reset even one full-organ combon would be tremendous.

The final two gadgets listed in the stoplist as Other Devices (July p.216) are the only ones completely new to me, although I am sure some T.A.O. reader can mention instances where they have been used. The two are similar, each being a single-action toe-stud which brings on the first-

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West Point Cadet Chapel Right Jamb

named stop when first touched, adds the second when touched again, and cancels both when touched the third time. The mechanism will be arranged so that if the stops are canceled by other means, it will assume its resting position, ready to bring on the first (softer) stop again. (T.A.O. believes they are completely new as applied to organs, though they have been operating on electric lamps for some years.—Ed.)

The original stoplist, for its period, was unusually complete. The additions also, considering their dates, are fair reflections of then-current tonal thinking. The Harmonic, in fact, preceded by some years acceptance of the ensemble concepts embodied in its stoplist. Mr. Mayer deserves credit for having seen the need for more complete and diversified chorus work.

One might question the original decision to limit the Swell and Choir Organs by the size of their 1911 chambers; it would perhaps have been wiser to add other chambers and complete these two fixed divisions from an ensemble viewpoint. At present they add little to chorus work.

Certainly a very real compliment is due to the Academy authorities who through the years have encouraged organ music to the degree that the instrument is a large part of the cultural tradition of the officer corps trained at the Point. I assume also that credit is especially due Frederick C. Mayer for his understanding of the true function of practical music for West Point and its personnel—for how otherwise could we account for the innumerable gifts of West Point graduates, sent directly for Mr. Mayer's con-

tinuous enlargement and perfection of Cadet Chapel organ until today it ranks among the world's greatest & richest? As will be obvious from the report here concluding, he still has many things to complete before this National Monument—the West Point Organ—reaches its perfection.

For its size and complexity, the console shows good spatial design. Its action is rapid, smooth, sure, though not quiet. The organ is capable of many extraordinary tonal effects, some of surpassing beauty. It will stand as the masterwork of one of our most original designers. The resources, however, are of such great complexity that literally weeks of work are necessary before a newcomer can begin to understand the plan of design. Few guest-organists will ever be able to devote sufficient study to an instrument so richly deserving to be beautifully exploited. (Which T.A.O. considers one of its greatest blessings, for how often we've all witnessed "famous" organists in recitals that did credit neither to the organs used nor the audiences giving their time to attend. Cadet Chapel organ may put an end to that in West Point forever we hope.—Ed.)

(And once more T.A.O.'s profound pride in having such a friend as Dr. Charles E. Billings able and willing to do the enormous job of presentation here concluded, with double emphasis on the able.—T.S.B.)

A Correction

July p.216, column 1, line 18 should read Combons 207 pf. There are no permanent combons in the organ now but Mr. Mayer writes:

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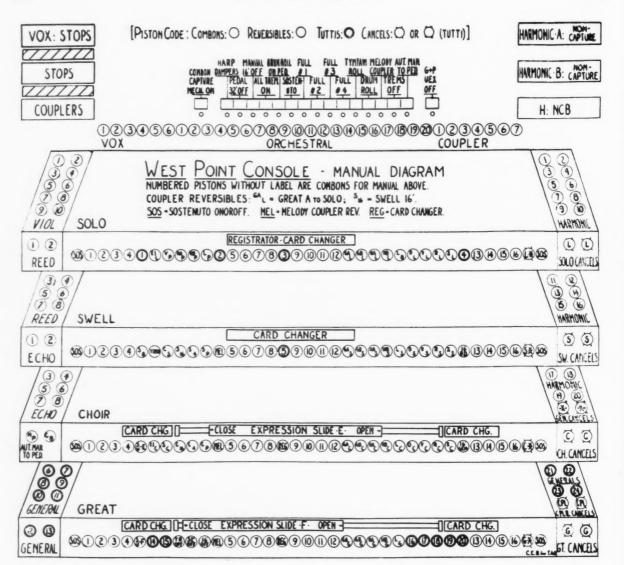
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let to Chester A. Raymond. . . .for the complete Great 20 combons, including their share of the Tutti 30 combons. Mr. Raymond has developed for this organ a special capture setter mechanism which is entirely new. We count on installation within a few months."

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Column 2, line 27 should read Combons: Chester A. Raymond.

These were not errors by Dr. Billings or by T.A.O.; he was given the information as published, and T.A.O., knowing him to be an extremely cautious, competent, and careful worker, would no more think of submitting his manuscript to censorship by anybody than it would submit any of its other pages to censorship by anybody. If everybody had been as exact as Dr. Billings, these false bits of information would never have been given him, and this waste of space would not now be necessary.—T.S.B.

THE MANUAL SECTION

The non-capture (NC) sections of the Harmonic Organs, top right, have no canceler-bars over them. The indicator-lights, top center just under the music-rack, are of varying colors; all are explained in the text, excepting the "Comb. Capture Mech. On," which is simply to indicate that the setter-tablet in the left jamb is in the Set position.

Cancels (pistons in the right keycheeks and under the

manuals): Special markings identify all cancels. Those marked L-X are tutti cancels for the indicated main divisions, and are found under the manuals. Those marked simply with the division letter are cancels for main and floating couplers to that division; these are found in the keycheeks. Coupler-cancels in the right Great keycheek are for all main and all float couplers. Tutti cancels in the right Choir cheek are for capture and non-capture stops.

Trem. under the Swell, 16' Bd. under the Swell, and 16' Gem. under the Choir, are all reversibles operating the tablets for Swell Tremulant, Swell Bourdon. Choir 16' Gemshorn.

Sw-E under the Choir and Sw-F under Great are "all swells" reversibles, operating master shade-couplers.

Registrator Card Changers are bars under all four manuals and pistons under the middle of Great and Choir manuals, all having the same function of bringing the next card in the registrator stack into effect—explained in the

All divisional combons will be double-touch, second-touch bringing on Pedal stops, excepting Great 17 to 20 which are pedal toe-studs. All other pistons, because of their standardized design, are double-touch; the second-touch is not wired in any other cases. Vox canceler-bars are coded as in stopjamb diagrams, by diagonal-hatching of bars.

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This is classed as Farnam & Watters because Mr. Farnam plays the keys and Mr. Watters controls the registration on an entirely different organ than the one Farnam used. It's a phonograph disk resulting from the modern Austin genius in transferring a paper roll to a disk, a process to be reported in detail later.

Farnam cut many automatic-player rolls, among them this one at the peak of his career, in the year of his death; others were done on the similarly roll-cutting Welte-Mignon Philharmonic Organ which was the outgrowth of the roll-cutting devices first applied to the Welte-Mignon automatic-player piano. On a piano the machine's performance is virtually perfect, but on the organ the problem of registration is grievously important in dealing with a colorist like Farnam was. That applies to player-rolls direct on different organs even of the same stoplist and size. It is all the more troublesome when dealing with organs of two entirely different periods.

For the record, Dr. Farnam had in Holy Communion a 4-48 with 26 8' & 4' manual stops and only one 3-rank mixture (on the Swell) and with these resources he attained a world-wide eminence the envy of all. These resources developed his registrational senses, so the colors he must have used in the automatic-recording Austin, which was "a small three-manual instrument....designed primarily as a residence organ," must have been far removed from those obtainable on "an organ with a modern tonal scheme." This "organ with a modern tonal scheme" has 23 8' & 4' manual stops with a total of eight ranks of mixtures. In Mr. Farnam's day registrations were soft, rich, appealing, mellow; today they are bold, hard, strident, piercing. All that was Mr. Watters' headache.

This registrational problem is stressed because it is the one and only point on which this truly remarkable disk

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION in Richmond borough of New York City; from the steps on a clear day can be seen the top of the Empire State Building in Manhattan over ten miles straight-line distance; the Church, surrounded by small but beautiful suburban homes, faces a beautiful park complete with trees and lake.

could be improved. Mr. Farnam, incidentally, used T.A.O.'s stoplist form and in his printed leaflet of the Holy Communion stoplist gave T.A.O. & me credit (merely something to crow about in an often otherwise drab world).

Hear this disk on a good machine and you'll hear what Farnam was, though I doubt if he ever used as prominent upperwork in the first of Bach nor the emphatic flutes immediately following; but if you want to know what real organ music is, listen over & over again to his Karg-Elert, and observe his sense of the dramatic in that quick crescendo. Observe also the sweet delights of his quietness in playing Dr. Sowerby's Carillon, and the roar he gets at the end of the Vierne. And all the while be attentive also to the cleanness of his technic.



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There has been only one Farnam, consequently no other man can ever exactly duplicate the Farnam delicacies and infinite varieties of registration; but under these limitations, here's a disk of greatest importance to the world of organplaying. Three "old-fashioned" organs with which Farnam was associated at the peak of his career ought to serve as the one final authoritive guide to any and every registration used in any sorely-needed future disk translations of existing paper rolls. Those organs were the nonscreaming but beautifully-toned Casavant in Emmanuel Church, Boston; the richly-voiced Skinner in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, New York, where the congregation didn't have enough musical intelligence to retain the prize organist of the age for a second year; and the good old 1911 Skinner in his beloved Church of the Holy Communion, New York, where the people not only had intelligence enough to retain Farnam to his dying day but delighted to honor him as the prized possession of the whole parish, Look at these organs. Think of Farnam's art. And stop your noise.—T.S.B.

(If any reader has a copy of any organ composition studied with Mr. Farnam and showing Farnam's registrational suggestions in detail, will he or she kindly send such to T.A.O. by registered mail for inspection? We'll return it by registered mail and repay the postage expended.)

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"The collectivist principle depends on the use of legal force and penalties to make individuals conform to the master plan imposed on them. This principle lies at the heart of communism, socialism, the welfare state, and all varieties of planned economy."—James C. Ingebretsen, in Spiritual Mobilization.

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"Printer's ink is the great apostle of progre pulpit is the press."—Horace Greel

A Presbyterian Service

Music by JOSEPH HOFRICHTER

Calvary Presbyterian in Richmond Borough of New York City

EARING an organist of whom you've always had a good opinion, and finding him in actual service as good as your built-up notions, is gratifying. Mr. Hofrichter was born on an Oct.1 in Lakewood, Ohio, finished highschool there, earned his Mus.Bac. in Oberlin Conservatory and went on to earn his M.M.E. there five years later. For a time he was on the Oberlin faculty, and later various other faculties, coming to New York City in 1953 and to his present church a few months ago.

Like another prominent young organist coming to T.A.O.'s wooded borough, he is in full view of the congregation and you don't leave with a sick feeling in your interior; I did not catch Mr. Hofrichter making even one arm-waving motion at his choristers, though he may well have signaled with his hand low in his lap where it would guide the choir but couldn't distress the congregation. Of all the evils of the church-music world, arm-waving is the most distressing because so inexcusable and unnecessary.

Choir of adults sits on two sides of the chancel, facing each other, organist in front on the left, his back to the congregation; organ housed behind lattice-fences, two on each side, facing chancel and nave. Lattice fences are cheaper than organcases, hence their popularity.

At 10.50 the auditorium was so full I decided to go home, but an usher found a seat for me-my favorite-in the back pew, corner. The service:

Bach, Pastorale

(Choral Call to Worship, Processional Hymn, Invocation, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, "Gloria

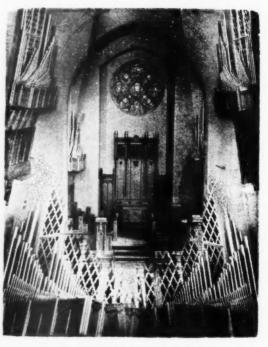
"Be Thou my vision," Slane (Reception of Members, Hymn, Scripture, Prayer, Choral Response, Collection.)

"At Thy feet," Bach ("Doxology," Prayer, Sermon, Hymn, Communion Service, Prayer, Recessional Hymn, Benediction, Silent Prayer, Response.)

Bach, My Heart Ever Faithful



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION Organist sits with her back to the wall, faces across the choir, is almost hidden from the congregation by the lectern; instrument is a Baldwin electronic, often producing surprisingly beautiful organlike music.



BY COURTESY OF REUTER we repeat the picture from the full-page advertisement in our June columns because it shows further details of the Church and casework which inspired our Cover-Plate this month; it explains the

Choir gathered in the rear aisle, did a quiet "Call to beautifully without arm-waving, Mr. Hofrichter played the hymn through, and the choir came forward singing heartily, in which the congregation joined equally heartily. Merely a chord was given for the "Gloria" and the thing was sung at rapid tempo, which I thought was a bit too fast, as the singing was not over a victory on the ball-park but in praise to the Eternal; an improvement would be to have the choir begin immediately with the organ chord instead of waiting-a man of Mr. Hofrichter's ability could easily manage that.

As suggested here at various times, if any younger organist doesn't know how to drill his choir for such niceties. let him announce at every rehearsal that the "Gloria" is to be started immediately with the piano, no delay whatever, and in an unexpected key; in no time at all they'll

catch on and do it perfectly.

The Slane was good, made better because we saw no arms beating the air to impress the populace with an organist's importance. The hymn after reception of members was "Blest be the tie" and it was sung with but an introductory organ chord; congregation was already standing; brevity from the organist was exactly right. After the prayer the organist played a hymn quietly, using Chimes on the tune (it fitted well) for part of it.

There was a mild tendency to swing & sway on the bench. which every organist should guard against, whether in view of the congregation or not; we want emotion not in our bodies but in our music. Build a screen behind the organbench. This choir, like all others, should have more tonedrill during rehearsals; tone was not bad, but could have been much improved. Fortunately there were no children in the choir, only adults. I don't want children in the pulpit,

nor in the choirloft.

After the prayer a choral response, introduced by soft 8' chord; and here again the choir should have been trained to begin with the organ, not wait a second or two. Words, said or sung, make the service; the organ is only a sup-

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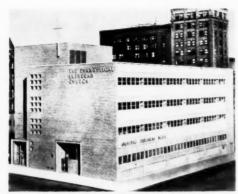
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porting framework and the less we hear of it, by having attention deliberately called to it, the better.

While the money was being collected the organist improvised a while, unfortunately using flutes instead of strings; flutes give you a shove and push you along, strings lead you gently. So more strings, much less use of flutes. This led into Bach's "At Thy feet," done well and without arm-waving or head-nodding, following the best trend of teaching a choir its job at rehearsal and expecting it to do the job without visible leadership in the service; it's the only way to stop the cheapness of church-music practice and make an effective art of it.

make an effective art of it.

To my taste again the "Doxology" was much too fast for its text and purpose; it's not an exuberant shout over a home-run but a fervent expression of adoration to the Almighty God-and it needs decorum & reserve more than enthusiasm or vim. There is a tendency to use speed in much of the choral music of the church, and it's fine; but the text and occasion should control the speed, not the mood of the music. I once heard "When morning gilds the skies" done so fast by Dr. Williams in St. Bartholomew's on a Sunday morning that it was at first almost a shock, but in a moment or two the full significance of the speed dawned on me-and evidently the congregation too-and it was one of the grandest bits of hymn-singing I ever heard. So text and purpose must control speed, not sentiment of the moment. The church service, under the keen energies of our present crop of young organists—those who have not gone wild—is evolving into something highly impressive and efficient; it's no longer a grab-bag of hymns & readings & long-winded prayings, with preludes, postludes, anthems, and responses thrown in to take the curse off.

Three Bach in one country Presbyterian church? Mr. Hofrichter first chose well, then avoided offensive registrations, and finally gave English titles; the combination, plus his native feeling for musical music, was successful. It's a live church; took a 6-page mimeographed calendar to list all the activities. Also a young man's church; I believe all the ushers and certainly all the money-collectors were young men; those I saw in the rear aisle were all young. The place was packed.

I do not know what Mr. Hofrichter plans to do, but he should get two more women and six more men into his choir, tone-drill them at every rehearsal, expect them to learn their stuff well and do it without leaning on him during services. Does the church pay enough to make all this work worth while? I do not know, but I do know that here is a golden opportunity for a totally competent young

organist (not teen-ager) to do invaluable missionary work in behalf of the church world that will propagate untold benefits for all America. Only once did he use upperwork screaming registration, and it must have grated on his sensitivities as much as it did on mine, for he cut off quickly and didn't use it again. Organs should be warm and appealing, not vulgarly loud & squealing; people want to like the organ, if only we'll play it decently for them.

They want to like choirs too, if we keep the kids out of them, tone-drill them to eliminate rawness, and then hammer the music into them in rehearsals so it automatically flows out an agreeable product on Sundays; some day they'll even be able to pronounce the words in anthems too. Jazz & radio singers invariably do; if they can, why can't we? Laziness, indifference, incompetence—a trio of answers, and the only ones.



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T.A.O.'S MEMORIAL COLLECTION

Gets another magnet, from Julian A. Sauter of Chicago
Everybody has accumulated junk that should

Everybody has accumulated junk that should be thrown away, but some people have trinkets of no earthly value to them but which none the less should not be thrown away if some proper place can be found for their preservation. Caring more about the organ than anything else, T.A.O. began accumulating organ mementos years ago when the very honorable George Ashdown Audsley willed his collection of books and other organ items to one T.S.B. Our readers have contributed often, for which our profound thanks.

Mr. Sauter's magnet is 3 9/16" long; the central section is 1 1/4" diameter and 1 15/32" long; one end is 3/4" diameter and 1" long, the other is 15/32" diameter and 1 1/16" long, is made of brass, and has four holes evenly spaced around it, the holes being 3/16" diameter; and into this brass end floats a presumably iron cylinder 5/16" in diameter and 15/16" long, held in by a brass plug 1/2" long, screwed into the brass end. A hole extends through the whole thing, the hole being slightly less than 3/16" diameter. An organman would probably know what all this is about, but I don't. Total weight is almost exactly 6 ounces.

Says Mr. Sauter, "This magnet comes from an organ the stoplist of which is given in Audsley's Vol.2—yes the greatest organ of all time in Chicago, the great Frank Roosevelt Auditorium instrument. The organ was built c.1882, an electric in the tracker heyday. I personally

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Here are three of the 5x3 cards, property of Church Music Foundation, Box 7, Decatur, Ill., produced by the Foundation for sale to organists to assist in building better choirs, reproduced here by special permission. The entire series, some printed on both sides, are for mailing in envelopes. Dr. Federal Lee Whittlesey sent the original of this one, the work of a girl in his choir, to Mr. Swarm for his series.

worked a week in dismantling it (with five other men) just because I like organs.

"There were several rows of shelves all lined up with Leyden-jar batteries, hundreds of them; they must have kept a man busy fulltime servicing this antiquated idea of electric supply. I have seen the same wet-battery idea in many of the older churches. This magnet has been shoved around the house many years now; I still have the Great-C. The magnet being sent you is the Solo-C.

"Note the four wires used, also the extra-heavy gage wire; in those old bygone times that must have been the finest gage wire available." From the central section of the magnet, at the small-diameter brass end, two sets of wire, two-strand each, extend. "This is a solenoid magnet (with movable interior part) with four holes for windage. Today this old organ stands in Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., rebuilt by Aeolian-Skinner.

"In 1905 there was a theater fire which took 700 lives, so the city council decreed that a sprinkler-system should be installed in all theaters—a new idea then—and the Auditorium was duly outfitted with said sprinkler-system. All was inspected and the organ chamber was also inspected. But a pipe was run along the ceiling over the top of the swellbox, and as far as the eye could inspect seemed intact. The pipefitter must have found it difficult to get on top of that swellbox and so an open 2" pipe was left up above. So the water was turned on and after 40 years we found 2" of water in the reservoirs and all the tubing was full of

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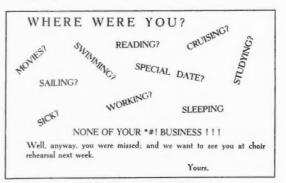
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water. What a picture after 45 years of dust, all in a sea of water; dirtier jobs there are none. Even a coalminer can wash up, but an organman does not know when he's licked nor when he is hungry."

Of the magnet described on Feb. 1954 p.51 Mr. Sauter says, "After looking up a bit, the boys tell me that that magnet is not so old and was more abused than used; they were used by the Estey, Hall, and Pilcher companies in the early days of electricity.



BUILDING CHOIRS: No. 3
This one takes advantage of the bite of sarcasm, quickly followed by an ingratiating thought. The full series or any numbers of them are obtainable from Church Music Foundation at lower cost than they could be individually reproduced, even if there were a plagiarist within the organ profession.

HOW A COMPOSER FEELS By William A. Goldsworthy

Some time ago I commented on how composers feel when hearing their works performed. I had heard my numbers presented with such varying degrees of effectiveness that I found myself entertaining a certain apprehension when going to listen to a program on which something of my own was included. It was with special pleasure then that on Easter we heard Dr. C. Harold Einecke and his fine Santa Barbara choir sing a recent anthem in a manner so fine as to completely reverse my attitude. And I say to fellow writers: make sure your number is done by a good group, then go to listen with a joyous heart.

In this case the work sounded much better than it is, as should be, for a good conductor can breathe life into quite an ordinary score. Incidentally, Dr. Einecke's conducting was illustrative of the uselessness of an extra armswinger.

His large group consisted of a chancel choir of from 60 to 80 voices, then a unit of girls (probably 50) in one gallery plus a similar body of boys in the opposite gallery. He sat playing quietly at the console and, with barely a motion of finger or head, brought in the different parts in an antiphonal anthem which had voices coming in on each other frequently on off beats.

Imagine in contrast the swaying arm-swinger, dragging in this group and that with frantic force. Some one asked Dr. Einecke after service how the several choirs came in on their leads so easily; his quiet answer was, "They knew their music."

The large girls' choir sat without a leader in their midst, for Mrs. Einecke, director of this group, sang with the chancel choir. She sat with her back to the girls, with never a glance toward them.

This is real choir training. And with this proof of the pudding, may we not have an end of this nonsense of separate leaders and players? Organists should not be asked to play under people of musicianship not equal to their own. And choir leaders should learn to play the organ. Period.

THAT FLOR PEETERS CONSOLE

A letter from Dr. Homer D. Blanchard of the Moller faculty

Re the May 1954 p.148 item, according to their list Steinmeyer have built two 5-manual organs, Passau and Nuernberg St. Lorenz. This is definitely not like the pictures of St. Lorenz but resembles most closely Passau—as others have already pointed out.

When the Passau organ was built a booklet was published describing it—Die Grosse Orgel im Passauer Dom, ihre Entwicklung, Technik und Verwendung, Passau, 1928. This contains several pictures of the console, always from the side or at an angle. The Organ, Vol.19, July 1939, p.13, has a good article on the organ and a fine head-on view of the console.

Console resembles what we see in the Peeters view except for the little setters in a long continuous row right under the music-rack, together with their round identification plates in a row immediately under them and above the quadruple rows of setters for the tilting-tablets over the fifth manual. It is my guess that these were added at a later date, perhaps even since the last war, but I have no record of the whyfor. Steinmeyer could probably furnish data. (Because of language difficulties and the grievous lack of uniformity in describing and cataloging gadgets, in terms of exactly what they do and how they work, T.A.O. let's it rest on whatever can be given by American organists.—Ed.)

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ALL RIGHT, WE WON'T

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Things to Think About

AFTER many trials & tribulations we got our new record-player back again with its few minor defects cured and the first recording we listened to was Mr. G. Donald Harrison's Vol.1 of The American Classic Organ. This was reviewed on February p.52 as a masterpiece of unspoiled musical pleasure; Mr. Joseph S. Whiteford was the genius behind the recording.

Now Vol.2 has arrived and will be reviewed in due time. I have never found anyone able to use words to describe organ tone; tone has to speak for itself. No one can describe colors either so a blind man would completely understand. Instead of doing so much talking about organs and all that in meetings of organists-whether two friends or two hundred at a convention—it would be more profitable to put these disks on a machine and listen critically

The only thing I disagree with is calling it classic; but then I've never yet found a suitable word for the unsatisfactory romantic. How about using Contrapuntal and Harmonic or Melodic instead? All the old composers who have survived wrote contrapuntally, thought contrapuntally; the misnamed romantic era came when composers began to write harmonically and melodically. Right? Actually, as Messrs. Harrison & Whiteford prove, this organ Mr. Harrison is building produces contrapuntal and harmonic music with exactly equal eloquence & beauty. And if music does not have beauty it's a total waste of time for everybody concerned.

Why do so many organists think they must be composers? Is there some special glory in it? It has been said-I do not know with how much or how little truth-that some publishers will add compositions to their catalogues if the composers pay all the costs. That's reasonable enough and generous of the publishers; but what good results? It seems to me to be brought on by a failure of the teachers of theory in our schools; theory should be confined strictly to counter-point, to enable all professional organists to better understand what counterpoint means.

But instead of using counterpoint courses for that purpose and stopping it right there, the aim is much too obviously to induce students to write music. And it's all hopelessly bad.

Another false conclusion is that there is some virtue in the minor key, a conclusion drawn from the great mass of fine music that happens to be partly in minor. So the ambitious organist floods the world with hopelessly barren music all in minor. I believe the needed remedy would be to aim all theory classes at an entirely different target with urgent admonitions never to give a thought to composing anything at all. The urge to write music must never come from the brain; it must come entirely from the heart.

I rather believe Beethoven was the first surviving composer who worked on the mental basis instead of the more worthy spiritual. Spiritual, not religious. Beauty is of the spirit, hardly the intellect. If our beloved Uncle Dunham didn't jump on me so much for it, I'd say inspiration. Nobody by sheer intellectual force could create any of the better themes Brahms, Franck, and Tchaikovsky used; such music came to them by inspiration only.

And there's about as much inspiration in today's flood of published compositions as you'll find in a dead toad.

Would you attend organ recitals if the organists improvised the whole thing? For the same reason I no longer attend Sunday services on the improvisation basis. I want the ritual or liturgy, or anything you want to call it, to have greater merit than can be written by individual clergymen anywhere; I want it to represent, just as music does, the finest available through all the centuries of Christianity, and I don't object in the least when parts of it revert to the

Jewish religion in the B.C. era.

And that's why, though born a Methodist and working for Presbyterian churches exclusively through my twenty or thirty years as an active organist, I now attend regularly only the Episcopal church. The Episcopalians stole everything from the Catholics, their chief changes being the use of the English language and severance of all alliance with or obedience to any church body in any other country than my own. Whether the Roman Catholics in America have a better religion than the Episcopalians I do not know, but I know their members are infinitely more faithful.

After decades of church experience I finally chose the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Manhattan borough as the ideal, and the nearest I've been able to find in my own Richmond borough is the Church of the Ascension. It has a double value for me because every Sunday I'm there I hear what the Baldwin electrotone can really do, and how superbly an organist can carry the service without arm-waving, finger-

wiggling, or head-nodding at a choir.

This raises my self-esteem. First because I've always said an organist need not act like a spoiled child in a public service, second a church that cannot yet afford an organ can find a perfectly satisfactory substitute in the Baldwin electrotone without need of using either a piano or a sour-sounding set of cogwheels. Three little pictures of my beautiful little Ascension, thanks to Mr. David Walsh.—T.S.B.

Having been forced once again to decide between financial profit and ethical honesty, these pages will continue to use the word Organ just as Bach, Widor, Vierne, and Franck used it, to indicate a music instrument producing its tones by wind-blown pipes.

Other publications and other people may do as they like; this decision refers only to

these pages.

We believe there are enough men and women of high ethical principle and fundamental knowledge of the Organ to support this decision and welcome it.

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EVENTS FORECAS

Items for this column should be mailed as soon as all essential facts are available. "Could you publish information on organ broadcasts, such as E. Power Biggs, from New York, stations, time, etc.?" This from a reader.

The radio programs are prepared a month in advance, but you must have them five or six weeks in advance. I shall see what I can do." This from one of the famous nation-wide organist broadcasters. Under the present nation-wide slow-down

it seems difficult to get programs in advance. Sometimes if we had them three weeks in advance they would be in time; it is impossible to precisely predict. However if any readers took the trouble to send com-plete advance programs, with all details as soon as known, some of them would certainly be in time for advance publication. Mild changes in program would never matter,

for they are to be expected.

Dr. Alexander McCurdy, First Presbyterian, Philadelphia, Pa., announces the "dedication of the transept organ, and the rededication of the gallery organ, as built by Moller; Sept.29, 8:30; Oct.6, 8:30, recital by Fernando Germani, Oct.13, 8:30, recital by Fernando Germani, Oct.13, 8:30, recital by Fernando Germani, Oct.13, 8:30, recital by E. Power

HAROLD FINK

Fordham Lutheran, New York, N.Y. Oct.31, 4:00

Faulkes, Ein' Feste Burg Bach's Sonata Ef (complete) Vierne's Sonata 1 (complete)

DR. ALEXANDER McCURDY
First Presbyterian, Philadelphia
Herewith is the season's schedule of

Dr. McCurdy's 4:30 musicales: Oct.3, Hymn festival, Dr. Williamson. Mozart, Requiem

AN AMERICAN AEROAD, No.1 AN AMERICAN ABROAD, No.1

E. Power Biggs and the Royal Festival Hall organ, London, on his summer's tour of Europe. He gave the Britishers an American example in Dr. Leo Sowerby's Rondo from the Sonata in G.

17-24, Mendelssohn, Elijah

Brahms, Requiem Franck, Mass A Gounod, St. Cecilia Mass Mendelssohn, Hymn of Praise

28. Bach, Magnificat

28, Bach, Magnificat
Dec.5, Handel, Messiah
12, Elmore, Incarnate Word
19, 24, 26, Carol services
Jan.2, 1955, Bach, Sages of Sheba
9-16, Bach, B-Aimor Mass
23-30, Bach, St. Matthew
Feb.6-13, Bach, St. Matthew
20, Verdi, Requiem
27, Rossini, Stabat Mater
March 6, Sowerby, Forsaken of Man
13, Stainer, Crucifixien
20, Handel, Messiah
27, Dvorak, Stabat Mater

27, Dvorak, Stabat Mater April 3, Faure, Requiem 10, Handel, Messiah

FRANZ LISZT

was in the habit of writing music for his pupils; c.1886 he gave May Hoeltze the manuscript of what Theo. Presser Co. now publish as Forgotten Waltz No.4, it was given by her to her son, Arthur A. Hauser, now president of Theo. Presser.

DR. ALEXANDER SCHREINER
of Salt Lake City Tabernacle earned his
Ph.D. Aug.27 in University of Utah, his
thesis being an Organ Concerto in B-minor,
taking 30-minutes for performance; orchestras scheduled to perform it are the Utah.
Brigham Young University, and Claremont
College, dates not yet determined. The
Doctorate also required 145 hours of academ-Doctorate also required 145 hours of academ-Doctorate also required 145 hours of academic graduate study; language was not necessary as he already speaks English, French, & German. His average organist duties in the Tabernacle amount to about 200 a year-recitals, services, radio programs; his last tour included 35 recitals. Dr. Schreiner was appointed to the Tabernacle in 1924.



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Christmas is the one service in the whole year when the organist takes precedence over year when the organist takes precedence over the minister; the great army of two-timers who go to church only on Christmas and Easter are beyond the preacher's reach: he should scold them for their two-timing but he dare not. His best course then is to de-pend on the beauty of the Gospel story of the birth of Christ, and the beauty of the music, not forgetting those grand old Christmas hymns every churchman wants to

The music is up to the organist and how wise he is in selecting beautiful, not in-

wise he is in selecting beautiful, not involved, carols and anthems, and how expert he has been all year long in training his choir, especially in getting their words across. Probably not one choir in a hundred will do it. But every jazz-singer and musichall chorus can and does. Strange.

National Origins

Since we rightly blame so many church-music improvements on Dr. Clarence Dickinson we might as well blame him and Mrs. Dickinson for the idea of the program of Carols of Many Nations. Our programs this year shows the national origin first, then arranger or composer, finally title. Here's the key:

A—American, Al—Alsatian, Au—Austrian.

B—Bohemian, Ba—Basque, Be—Belgian, Br—Brittany, Bu—Burgundian, Ca—Carsican, Ca—Catalonian, Can—Canadian, Ch—Chinese, Co—Cornish, Cz—Czech.
D—Danish. E—English. F—French.
G—German, Ga—Gascony, Gr—Greek.

H-Haiti, Ho-Holland. I-Indian, Ir-Irish, It-Italian. Jugoslavian.

J—Jugosiavian.
L—Latin. La—Lapland, Li—Lithuania.
M—Mexican, Mo—Moravian.
N—Negro, No—Norwegian.
P—Poland, Po—Portugal.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Praetorius, Lo how a Rose Adam, O holy night R-ar.Dickinson, Holy angels singing 12-ar.Dickinson, The Friendly Beasts ar.Willan, Hodie Christus Natus Est A-Mackinnon, Sleeps Judea fair M-ar.Gaul, Who are these men L-ar.Holst, On this day Earth Ho-ar.Dickinson, Sleep my Jesus

DR. CLARENCE DICKINSON *Brick Presbyterian, New York Carols of Many Nations Mo-ar.Garden, Lightly bells are pealing G-ar.Dickinson, O have ye heard Cz-ar.Dickinson, Still grows the evening

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Ad-ar.Dickinson, Nowell
S-ar.Dickinson, Nowell
S-ar.Dickinson, O God of love
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H-ar.Dickinson, Jesu Thou Dear Babe
dePearsall, In dulci jubilo
N-ar.Work, Go tell it on the mountain
Al-ar.Dickinson, Sleep little Dove
Ir-ar.Whitehead, Now Christmas day
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Adam, O holy night
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Richard Trunk, Idyll
Mendelssohn, When Jesus our Lord
Choir: 20s-15c-15t-13b. Mr. Friedell and
his assistant on Dec.24 had p.m. services at
12:10, 4:00, 5:00, 10:00, 11:30; the 5:00
was "community singing around the Christmas tree on the terrace." Waldorf-Astoria
guests could have opened their north
windows for it.

DONALD D. KETTRING
*East Liberty Presbyterian, Pittsburgh
*Christmas Eve at 11:00
A-Bitgood, Candlelighters' Song
W'e Yearn for the Day of His Coming
G-Buxtehude, O come Lord Jesus
s. Bruce Joseph, O Young Carolers
A-Clokey, Benedictus qui venit
Mystery of His Coming
No-ar. Dickinson, In the Silence
s. A-A.H. Johnson, Carol of Singing Reeds
D-ar.?, 'Tis Christmas Quiet
Joy of His Coming
s. A-Clokev. No lullaby need Marv
18-ar.Dickinson, Song of the Angels
*Adoring Shepherds
2, Shepherds leave their flocks
Praetorius, Nunc Angelorum

Adoring Mother
N-ar.Ryder, Mary borned a baby
A-N.F.Ryder, Bethlehem Lullaby
O Come Let Us Adore Him
A-Sowerby, Snow lay on the ground
A-Bitgood, As in the Holy Christ
Mr. Kettring is a full time or year.

Mr. Kettring is a fulltime organist probably working ten to twelve hours a day; this program featured the Quempas Carolers. "It is said that the Quempas . . has been traced back to the 13th century; in many continental churches, particularly in the Lutheran tradition, it is an annual custom." He used also two flutes and four recorders, the latter preluding some of the sections with a group of numbers.

From Other Services
A-Bitgood, Glory to God
A-Kountz, Carol of Questioning Child
A-Clokey, Benedictus
A-Clokey, Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Au-Mozart-ar.Row, Christmas Lullaby
A-Christiansen, Today there is ringing
E-ar.Luvaas, From the East
Berlioz, Shepherds' Farewell

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Peace In Our Time, O Lord	SATB	#2110	W. Glen Darst .20
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Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy from REQUIEM)	SATB	#2119	Gabriel Faure .20
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ar. Sowerby, Good King Wenceslas

Christmas Eve at 10:30

A-Dickinson, Nowell

Praetorius, Lo how a Rose

E-ar. Butcher, Cherry-Tree Catol

Liza Lehman, No candle was there

Liza Lehman, No candle was there Pergolesi, Glory to God A-Mackinnon, Sleeps Judea fair Of that Quempas business, Mr. Stofer says: "There is evidence that this ancient Christmas carol has been an unbroken tradition in the celebration of the Savior's birth for nearly seven centuries in some European churches. The choir of children in the four corners of the nave, symbolic of the four corners of the earth, sing the 'good news' to all the world."

Some Organ Music

Titles help a little but they do not make Christmas music if the notes don't; here is a list, all too short, of organ pieces that sound the Christmas spirit backed up by their titles. Bach-Gounod, Ave Maria

Bach-Goulnon, Ave Maria R.K.Biggs, Star of Hope Brahms, Lullaby Daquin, Noel Dethier, Christmas Guilmant, Noel Marryott, Lo How a Rose Messiaen, God Among Us Purvis, Divinum Mysterium

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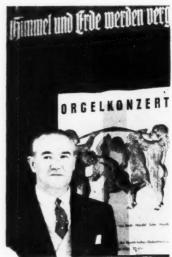
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AN AMERICAN ABROAD, No.3 Mr. Biggs and the card announcing his re-cital "for the Amerika Haus in Berlin." The sign over the portal can be translated "Heaven and Earth shall pass..."

DeWITT C. GARRETSON with St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N.Y., since 1918, becomes organist of All Saints' Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Nov.1. New York state thus will lose one of its imperturbable stalwarts who has been a steadyperturbable stalwarts who has been a steady-ing influence since his appointment to Grace Episcopal, Utica, in 1909; he held four Episcopal positions between 1902 and 1909, moved to his 5th in 1918, held it 36 years, and now scurries to the south. To him a happy landing, fair skies, cocling breezes but never a hurricane.

DR. R. V. WILLIAMS
as reported in May T.A.O. will be visitingprofessor for the fall term in Cornell University; he gives lectures there Sept.28, 30,
Oct.5, open to the public; Nov.9 there
will be a paid-admission concert of his compositions by the Buffalo Philharmonic, and Nov.21 a concert in his honor by the Cornell Orchestra, Chapel Choir, and Acappella Chorus, in compositions by Bach, Mendelssohn, Purcell, and Williams.

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Bach's Brandenburg Concerto 1, Suite C, Concerte for 2 Violins, with orch.
Blow, "Salvator mundi," choir.
Bluxtehude, "In dulci jubilo," "Lauda Sion," choir.
D.Cimarosa, Concerto for Oboe & Strings.
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Lalande, "Pasallite Domino," choir.
Handel, Concerte 1, with orch.
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V. Luebeck, "Christmas Cantata," choir.
A.Mistowski, Aria, with orch.
Mozart, Adagio & Fugue C, with orch.
Serenade for 8 Wind Instruments, orch.
Piston, Prelude & Allegro, with orch.
Vivaldi, Concerto Am, with orch.

Organ Solos

A quick (very quick) count shows that Mr. White played 26 times, Mr. Linzel 24, Miss Schumacher 10, and the remaining 7 lesser luminaries 40.

Bach, Preludes & Fugues C. 4-4 & 9-8
Preludes & Fugues D, Ff
Preludes & Fugues D, Ff
Preludes & Fugues, Eight Little
Passacaglia
Greater & Lesser Kyries
Six Schuebler Chorales
Toccata & Fugue Dm
Toccata-Adagio-Fugue
Choralpreludes, Four
Concertos A, C, G
Pastorale Suite
Partitas, Two
Sonata 6
Boellmann, Ronde Francaise
Beaches, Choralpreludes, Four

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Brahms, Choralpreludes, Four
Buxtehude, Magnificat Primi Teni
Preludes & Fugues Em, Fsm, Gm
Prelude-Fugue-Chaconne
Couperin, Soeur Monique
R.Crandell, Carnival
Ducasse, Pastorale
Dupre, Cortege et Litanie
Choralpreludes, Five
Variations on a Noel
Versets, Two

Versets, Two
Durufle, Prelude & Fugue on Alain
Suite 5: Toccata
Elmore, Pavan; Rhumba.
Farnam, Toccata
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Messiaen, Les Bergers Suite de l'Ascension: 2 myts. Mozart, Fantaisies 1, 2, 3

Mozart, Fantaisies 1, 2, 3 Sonatas for O. & Strings, 9, 13, 15 Pachelbel, Chaconne D Choralpreludes, Four Partitas, Two Prelude-Fugue-Chaconne Reger, Benedictus

Weihnachten 1914
Reubke, Sonata
Schroeder, Kleine Praeludien und Int.
Sowerby, Pageant
Vierne, Carillon de Westminster
Son.1: Final

Son.1: Final
Son.4: Menuet
Sonata 5 (complete)
Son.6: Fina!
Walther, Was Gott Tut

Walther, Was Gott Tut Widor, Goth.: Andante Sostenuto Willan, Int.-Passacaglia-Fugue Scherzo Bm

Yen, Echo

Most of the programs were played Sundays at 9:20 p.m., in the Studio high in the upper

rooms after the evening service. Says Mr. White, a truthful gentleman if ever there was one:

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GETTING EVEN

When the preachers met in their World Council of Churches, Evanston, Ill., somebody got the bright idea of bombarding them with organ recitals; there were eight of them in the nine-day sessions.

CHESSE VS. ORGANS

An Aug.9 report from Paris in the New York Times says the government will now control the labels on cheese—and they'll be honest or else. "The law" now "requires that cheese bearing approved labels must be produced in the traditional way." Shall we of duced in the traditional way." Shall we of the noble organ profession be so dumb—or so dishonest—that we tolerate fakery on the noble name Organ? All the more honor to any maker of an electronic imitation who is rigidly & invariably honest in calling it not a Whosis Organ but Whosis Electronic Organ. Ever see the Baldwin advertised dis-honestly in the public print? We have not.

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"I believe in one God" Titcomb, I Believe in One God 'Maker of heaven and earth'

Hymn, "Praise to the Lord"
"And in Jesus Christ His only Son" Bach, Come now Savior of the Gentiles "Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit" Rowley, What Child is This

Rowley, What Child is This
"Suffered under Pontius Pilate"
Hymn, "O Sacred Head"
"The third day He rose again"
Farnam, O Sons and Daughters
"He ascended into heaven"
Benoit, On the Evening of the Ascension
"From thence He Shall Come to judge"
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Alain, Litanies
"I believe in the Holy Spirit" Buxtehude, Come Holy Ghost "The communion of saints' Purvis, Communion

"The forgiveness of sins" Hymn, "All Hail the Power"

Benediction

Bach, We All believe The service closed with the sounding of three Chimes after the benediction, to symbolize the idea of the Trinity.

CORRECTIONS

July p.211. column 1, paragraph 3 said Mr. Harvey's thesis was written in April 1942; it was 1952. Thanks to Dr. Billings for

it was 1952. Thanks to Dr. Billings for reporting our error.
"The Luebeck Christmas cantata, July p.204, was published in English in 1948 by Chantry Music Press, Fremont, Ohio; a very good edition. I use it each year."—Joseph C. Gould, to whom thanks. Thanks also to Dr. Yury Arbatsky for the same information later received.

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COVER-PLATE

The Homer Frank photo on June p.157 looked too inviting to ignore; our thanks to the Reuter office for the photo we requested. It's a Presbyterian Church built in Episcopal style, the organ divided behind the choirstalls on left and right sides of chancel, tone-openings only into the chancel. It's a 3-41 Reuter; we regret the stoplist is not available, only a listing of the pipes -which is only half an organ, as every organist knows. It is all clever and convenient to say pipes make an organ, but they do nothing of the kind unless we also have a console and couplers, combons, crescendos, and a dozen other types of control all too often frowned on as gadgets. A fork is only a dinner gadget too; ever try eating a meal with-out one? These pages require a complete stoplist, not merely a listing of pipes.

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George F. S. Dupont Hansen died Sept.3, 1954, in Chicago, aged 83; had been organist of Trinity Lutheran for many years; knighted by the Denmark politicians in 1925; said to

by the Denmark politicians in 1727, and the a composer.

Dr. Herbert E. Hyde, Aug. 25, at his summer home; born May 4, 1877 or 1887, Chicago, studied in Northwestern and American Conservatory, organteachers Joseph Bonnet, Dr. Clarence Dickinson, Peter Lutkin, Harrison Wild; first playd in St. John's Mis-

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sion in 1899, went to Church of Ascension 1902, St. Peter's Episcopal 1905 as organist, to his beloved St. Luke's until he moved in 1951 to LaJolla, Calif., to head the theory department of Balboa University's School of Music; survived by his widow, nee Louise Douglas Baker whom he married in 1920, and several children. Bippo Calleng agas him. and several children. Ripon College gave him the Mus.Doc. in 1937. He did much recital work, for six years represented various builders in his district, directed choral organizations, was organist and soloist for the Chicago Symphony, did some composition, much it in manuscript, with a few anthems and organ pieces in print, including a delightful Evening Song. The mystery of his year of birth remains; he is not mentioned in any of the biographical reference works available, but twice provided T.A.O. with full biographical data, the typed answers saying 1877, the hand-written 1887. In one case he would have become a Mission organist at 22, in the other at 12; the latter seems more likely, since the two versions agree on all such dates.

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the postoffice itself. This from an Aug.24 report to the New York Times: "The penalty of dismissal faces postal employees for voicing criticism in public that is considered by their superiors to be harmful to the postal service." That was stated by the national federation. the postal service." That was stated by the national federation of postoffice clerks in Cincinnati. Will Mr. Schikelgruber (or however he spelled his name) kindly say how he got out of the grave and into the postoffice service in Cincinnati?

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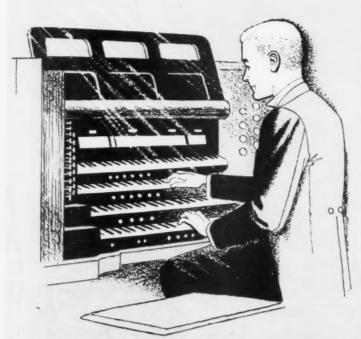
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